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SUBJ: GAO STUDY ON EFFECTS OF U.S. TAX POLICY ON AMCITS RESIDING
OVERSEAS

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1. ON JULY 24, 1977, GAO INVESTIGATOR CURTIS TURNBOW WAS IN ABU DHABI TO DISCUSS EFFECTS OF THE OVERSEAS INCOME PROVISIONS OF THE 1976 INCOME TAX REFORM ACT WITH U.S. TAXPAYERS RESIDENT IN THE EMIRATES. TURNBOW MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH MANAGERS OF TEN U.S. FIRMS IN THE CONSULTING, CONTRACTING, PETROLEUM, LEG), AND BANKING SECTORS AS WELL AS AMERICAN CITIZENS EMPLOYED BY NON-U.S. FIRMS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. HE ALSO MET WITH SOME 40 TAXPAYERS FROM ABU DHABI AND NORTHERN EMIRATES (AND ONE RESIDENT OF OMAN) IN AN OPEN MEETING WHICH HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED IN LOCAL PRESS AND INSPECTED SEVERAL TYPICAL HOUSES AND APARTMENTS OCCUPIED BY U.S. TAXPAYERS IN ABU DHABI.

2. RESIDENT AMERICANS WHO MET WITH TURNBOW HAD BEEN
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TOLD IN ADVANCE THAT GAO WOULD BE LOOKING FOR FACTS AND FIGURES, NOT HYSTRIONICS AND HYSTERICS, AND EMB WAS PLEASED AT LARGE NUMBER OF EXCELLENT, WELL-REASONED, WELL-DOCUMENTED PRESENTATIONS. COPY OF BEST OF THESE PRESENTATIONS--PREPARED BY DR. BART PAFF, ADVISOR TO THE RULER OF SHARJAH--IS BEING FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF ABU DHABI A-44.

3. ACCORDONG TO TURNBOW, INFORMATION PRESENTED IN ABU DHABI SUPPORTED WHAT HE HAD LEARNED ON PREVIOUS STOPS IN TEHRAN AND KUWAIT. WE BELIEVE DATE PRESENTED BY FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS HERE WAS SO COMPELLING REGARDING ADVERSE IMPACT OF SEC 911 REPEAL ON US NATIONAL AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS THAT IT WOULD BE INCONCEIVABLE FOR GAO TO FAIL TO RECOMMEND SOME FORM OF RELIEF OF OVERSEAS U.S. TAXPAYERS.
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